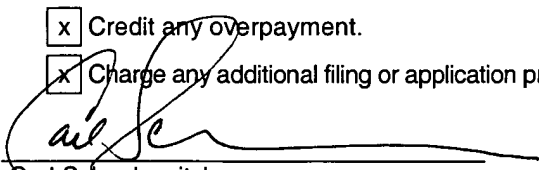
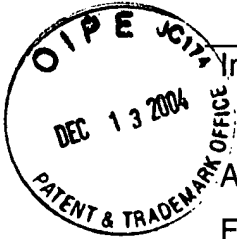




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Application No. 10/689,052-Conf. #3401		Filing Date October 21, 2003		Examiner M. E. Norman	
				Art Unit 3744	
Applicant(s): Kazuto Kobayashi et al.					
Invention: EXPANSION VALVE					
TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:					0.00
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I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated her October 13, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 1-6 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended and claims 4-6 are added.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

(There are no amendments to the drawings)

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

(There are no amendments to the specification)